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SUBJECT: Police Arrest Terrorists

REF: Sao Paulo's 944 (NOTAL)

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1. Police of Operation Bandeirante (name of special task force made up of military and DOPS officers to fight subversion) appear be closing in on part of Marighella's terrorist group in São Paulo. Using leads obtained from earlier arrests (see refs.) police on September 29 arrested Virgilio Gomes da Silva, Francisco Gomes de Silva and newspaper reporter of Jornal da Tarde, Antonio Carlos Fon. Also arrested were Fon's brother, Tom Fon Filho, his wife Zerilda, daughter Celia, and a Japanese whose name was not mentioned in newspapers.

2. Bombs, dynamite, and maps indicating that bombs would be exploded in army, government, and police installations were found in

Fon's apartment.

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One prisoner,

Virgilio Gomes da Silva, died while being questioned.

4. Press release concerning arrests did not mention Virgilio's name; possibly police will not openly acknowledge that he was arrested.

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